

Giza in her late seventies. She enjoyed exercise, as demonstrated by her frequent 3-mile walks to Trapp Elementary School. Mary remained active throughout her retired life, until she peacefully passed away on June 6, 2020.

For her decades of commitment to our community and country in so many ways, we honor Mary H. McCombs on this day and thank her for the legacy she left in the City of Rialto and the greater Inland Empire. May she rest in peace.

IN HONOR OF MR. ANDRE MOSES  
WHITE

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andre Moses White of Atlanta, Georgia, who passed away on June 9, 2020.

Mr. White was the third of seven children born to Moses and Lucille White. He was raised in Tampa before relocating to Tallahassee and graduating from Lincoln High School. He then enrolled at Florida A&M University and earned a BS in Physical Education with a minor in Health Education. After graduating from FAMU, White was drafted by the Denver Broncos as a Tight End. He also played for the San Diego Chargers and was one of the first African Americans to sign with the Cincinnati Bengals.

After a knee injury brought his football career to a close, White returned to Tampa to serve as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Officer for Hillsborough County. While there, he most notably launched the fight to remove the confederate flag from the County Seal. This was eventually accomplished in 2016. Mr. White's career also included following in his father's footsteps and operating Moses White's Cozy Corner BBQ restaurant, serving as the road manager for Marvin Gaye, and starting The Georgia Sentinel, a progressive news outlet for Atlanta's African American community.

Mr. White was a member of numerous organizations, served on the board of Wayfield Food Stores, and was the President of the Moses White Foundation. Mr. White will be forever remembered as a dedicated servant from whom many in the community sought council. His wife of 55 years, Joyce White, died on April 2, 2020. He is survived by his siblings, 4 children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in offering our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the White family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

May God continue to bless the family of Mr. Andre Moses White.

RECOGNIZING TROY  
CHARBONNEAU

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Troy Charbonneau of

Billings for always being prepared and willing to answer the call of duty whether he is in uniform or off duty.

It was the first weekend of June, and Troy wanted to take advantage of the nice weather. He packed his kayak and headed to Lake Elmo with his new puppy which was also eager to get outside. With his kayak in the water and his pup enjoying the view, Troy was able to relax.

After a while, Troy noticed a small dot on the lake's horizon. He looked closer and realized it was a person about 250 yards from the bank. At the shore, people were yelling. The swimmer was struggling, his head disappearing underwater. Realizing the severity of the situation, Troy immediately steered his kayak toward the boy. Troy was able to get the boy alongside his kayak and secure him with a life jacket. Using a rope, he towed the boy safely to shore as sounds of ambulance and police sirens echoed across the lake.

A detective with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, Troy says being a police officer is a 24/7 job. If you're off duty, he says, you still have a responsibility to do what you can to keep everyone safe. An investigator of crimes against children and a forensic interviewer, Troy is dedicated to the Billings community, and that drive keeps him ready at a moment's notice. Troy saved a boy from drowning, because he's always observant of everything around him. He's committed his life to public service and law enforcement.

On behalf of a grateful Montana and nation, I thank Troy and all our law enforcement officials who serve our communities selflessly, honorably, and with full hearts.

Madam Speaker, for his swift, heroic actions to save a boy's life and for being a great example of service for all Montanans, I recognize Detective Troy Charbonneau of Billings for his Spirit of Montana.

UPON THE RETIREMENT OF  
DEBRAH MARRIOTT AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE LOWER  
COLUMBIA ESTUARY PARTNER-  
SHIP

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I congratulate Deb Marriott, the founding and long-time Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, on her well-deserved retirement. For twenty-five years, Deb has very capably led the Estuary Partnership to educate youth, restore Columbia River ecosystems, and advocate for culturally appropriate, science-based management. She has proven to be a committed and collaborative partner for Tribes, schools, shippers, and fishing communities, as well as municipalities along the Columbia. And she has left the River, and its communities, all the better through her work.

Deb was instrumental in designing—and ultimately helping to pass into law in 2016—the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act, legislation that I and fellow Oregon colleagues created to reduce toxics in the Columbia. She worked to bring people together around a common theme—cleaning up the river—and

kept true to the science. This is just one example of her work; throughout the years she has developed a reputation for honesty, hard work, and exceptional quality, and that standing has been passed on to the Estuary Partnership. The resiliency of so many on-the-ground projects, the result of many long hours and much collaboration with partners, and of the National Estuary Program itself, show Deb's meaningful mark on the River and its communities for generations to come.

Issues of salmon recovery and watershed protection are not always the easiest in the Pacific Northwest, yet I have known Deb to be not just a tireless advocate, but also a skilled listener. Whether it has been through work with Tribes, politicians and agency officials, volunteers, students, or any number of other stakeholders, Deb has always kept her eyes on the bigger picture.

Her work has played a tremendous role in connecting people to this special part of our amazing planet. I thank Deb from the bottom of my heart, for her decades of service. I wish her the best in a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DEBRAH MARRIOTT ON  
HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE LOWER  
COLUMBIA ESTUARY PARTNER-  
SHIP

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Debrah Marriott on her retirement as Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership at the end of this month.

Throughout her career, Debrah has been a steadfast champion for protecting and advocating for the Lower Columbia River. Debrah has led the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership since its inception, and there is no doubt that the river's habitats and water quality are improved today because of Debrah's leadership, particularly her work on the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Estuary Caucus, I have relied on Debrah's expertise for years. Her thoughtful perspective and extensive network through the National Estuary Program have been invaluable. Most recently, she and her staff helped inform my work on the bipartisan Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act. Last year, I had the pleasure of joining Debrah at the groundbreaking of the Steigerwald Reconnection Project, a 960-acre habitat restoration project on the mainstem of the Columbia River that will help salmon, wildlife, and the larger ecosystem flourish. Projects like Steigerwald and countless others along the Columbia River would not exist without Debrah's commitment to collaboration with regional partners. I appreciate her dedication to the ecological benefits of a project, and also her commitment to supporting the region's economic, social, and cultural needs. Even during the coronavirus pandemic, Debrah joined me for a virtual panel discussion earlier this month on how to revitalize our coastal communities.

Debrah's tenacity and dedication to protecting our lands and waters has created an incredible legacy of conservation for our region. I thank Debrah for her more than 25

years of dedicated service to Northwest Oregon and congratulate her on her retirement.

**HONORING JEREMY THOMAS LANIER AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, 4th generation Floridian, Jeremy Thomas Lanier has been a lifelong resident of Osceola County. For decades he has worked with his parents, Tom and Sharon Lanier, in their family antiques store located in the heart of Historic Downtown Kissimmee. Raised with a sense of civic duty, Jeremy is president of the Downtown Business Association of Kissimmee, an organization that both of his parents led at one time, and he also serves as a board member of various community organizations including Kissimmee Main Street, the Osceola County Historical Society, the Opportunity Center, and the Osceola County LGBTQA.

In 2017 Jeremy began his career in public health at the Florida Department of Health in Osceola County working primarily with HIV patients in the ASPECTS clinic. After graduating with a degree in psychology from Rollins College in Winter Park, Jeremy used his education to successfully counsel both newly diagnosed and long-term HIV survivors and assist them throughout the treatment process. In addition to his counseling position at the health department, he also began working in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program where he manages the medication regimens of over 200 Osceola County clients.

Jeremy also manages the ADAP Copay and Premium Assistance program; assisting over 50 clients with the acquisition and management of their insurance acquired through the Healthcare Marketplace. Jeremy also assists in the oversight of the PrEP program through which over 100 clients have been afforded access to pre-exposure prophylaxis. Recently he accepted the position of Public Information Officer at the FDOH-Osceola where he manages media relations, internal and public messaging and public outreach for the health department. Jeremy and his partner Christopher May live in the business district of Historic Downtown Kissimmee where they are active in community organizations and proudly support LGBTQ causes throughout Osceola County.

**HONORING CAPTAIN RAY SPRADLIN**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Ray Spradlin for his exceptional public service to the people of the city of Santa Rosa and the State of California, and to honor his retirement after 38 years as a fireman.

Captain Ray Spradlin was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Petaluma High School

from 1977 to 1981 and graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College in 1984. Since then, he has dedicated his career to serving the community around him, often while it was at its lowest point. He rose through the ranks of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Santa Rosa Fire Department, earning the respect of those around him. As captain, he used the knowledge and expertise gained from his years of experience to both lead his colleagues in protecting members of the public and ensuring a safer working environment for the people around him. He will continue to dedicate his life to protecting fellow first responders even after his retirement through his work with Worldwide Safety Solutions.

Throughout his career, Captain Spradlin has been recognized for his hard work and commitment to fighting for the people around him. He was honored at the 2010 Sonoma County Paramedic Associate Survivors Union for providing life-saving treatment to Yessenia Cruz, who would have died if it were not for the quick actions of Captain Spradlin. This recognition is just one example of countless heroic actions taken by Captain Spradlin to protect his community. More recently, Captain Spradlin served on the front lines during the Tubbs Fire in 2017, working tirelessly for days to fight that devastating disaster.

Madam Speaker, Captain Ray Spradlin represents the type of fine citizen that we should all strive to be. His career has been dedicated to protecting both his community and his fellow first responders. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD REPAIR ACT**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Farm-to-Market Road Repair Act, legislation that will expand eligibility for the Surface Transportation Block Grant program to include rural roads that serve to transport agriculture products from farms or ranches to the marketplace.

American agricultural communities play a pivotal role in the economy within my district and across America. These farms and ranches provide the communities they serve with fresh products daily, ensuring consumers have an adequate and healthy food supply. Unfortunately, many of the roads are deteriorating.

Over 70 percent of our nation's total road mileage is in rural areas, yet, between 2009 and 2015, these roads have only seen about 37 percent of federal highway fund. As Congress debates how to move forward with a bold plan to address infrastructure, we need to ensure road-repair projects like these do not fall by the wayside as we seek to address other larger infrastructure projects. Just because a road is in a rural area does not mean the road is small or otherwise unimportant. To the contrary, I am aware of several rural road projects in my district and the surrounding region that are major connectors that would benefit from this type of funding opportunity.

My bill expands the current surface block grant program to include these roads—roads

that serve as a lifeline to the people that depend on them. We must invest in our rural infrastructure now, before it is in complete disrepair. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

**HONORING IOWA'S TEACHERS AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK**

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I am recognizing the incredible educators of Iowa's Third Congressional District as our Iowans of the Week. Their daily contributions to our children's lives have perhaps never been more evident than during the past couple of months while our nation battles the COVID-19 pandemic. As distance learning has become the new norm, parents-turned-home-educators have developed a whole new appreciation for the academic, social, and emotional support teachers provide our children.

It has been remarkable to see educators and school staff rise to the challenge of serving their students in the face of this unprecedented crisis. With little time to plan and while coping with the pandemic themselves, they transitioned lesson plans to fit the constraints of distance learning and have worked hard to find creative ways to keep students engaged. Within the Des Moines Public School district alone, teachers have now moved more than 6,300 Pre-K through 8th grade classes to an online learning platform and distributed nearly 21,000 laptop computers to students across grade levels. In districts across central and southwest Iowa, teachers have also packed countless bags of books, school supplies, games, and other supports for students and families. And at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, teachers are now hosting activities like Anime Club meetups via Google Hangouts.

Their efforts extend far beyond traditional lesson plans. Teachers were among the first to recognize and fill the void of food insecurity for many students in their school districts; for weeks now, they have stepped up to pack and serve tens of thousands of meals weekly for students who might otherwise go without. They know many students still need a wellness check, so educators have donned masks and knocked on doors to make sure students are safe and secure. And at the end of the day, teachers still find the energy to organize parades through their school districts just to put a smile on their students' faces.

Their contributions to our community don't end with their students. We even have teachers who are working around the clock to produce face shields for health care workers on their school's 3D printers.

Teachers deserve special recognition this week and every week for their willingness to go above and beyond for the benefit of our students and families. In many ways, educators are the heart of Iowa's communities. They are thoughtful caretakers and mentors of our generations to come, and it is a role they approach with purpose and compassion. While educators face various professional challenges, many see teaching as their life's calling. I am grateful for every person who has